

# Data Entry Sheet :

- 1.) List the digital file name in the Entry # column. 2.) You may also create your own data entry sheet.
- 3.) Entries may be split among categories or all in one category. 4.) No more than 10 entries per photographer.

Entry #	Category	Subject/Location	Date Taken	Camera Type	Student Age*
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## Photo Submission Checklist

- ☐ If submitting photos, label the back of each with your name and address.
- ☐ Fill out data entry sheet for up to 10 photo submissions.
- ☐ Label the CD with your name and address.
- ☐ Include a CD-ROM with images.
- ☐ Sign and enclose entry form.



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# Entry Rules

1. The contest is open to any amateur photographer except employees of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and members of their immediate families. An amateur is defined as someone who does not earn most of his/her living from photography.
2. Photos must have been taken within the past two years.
3. All photos must have been taken in Alabama.
4. Eligible format is high quality digital images only; JPEG or TIFF or RAW files. Set your camera to take the highest quality photo it can take. **Digital entries MUST be submitted on a CD-ROM accompanied by a data entry sheet. OPTIONAL: You may send up to an 8x10 print of each photo with the CD-ROM.**
5. Photographers may enter up to 10 photos, all in one category or mixed.
6. All photos can be described on a single data sheet; you may create your own data sheet or use the one in this brochure.
7. Cropped photos are eligible in all categories. We do not accept digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered photos. Minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents, are acceptable. If the judges determine that a photographer has altered his or her photo, they reserve the right to disqualify it. Outdoor Alabama's definition of altered images—Photographs manipulated for artistic purposes by applying digital and/or traditional special effects (i.e. colorizing, toning, collage, photo composites, HDR, etc.).

# Categories

**Student Snapshots** - Two divisions: Youth ages 6-12 and 13-18 can enter any of the following categories. All entry rules apply. Please indicate age on data sheet if entering this category.

**State Parks** - Recreational activities, park facilities, scenery, events held at any of Alabama's State Parks operated by the Alabama Department of Conservation. Location must be indicated on data sheet. Eligible parks found at [www.alapark.com](http://www.alapark.com).

**Birds** - Native song birds, shore birds, game birds and raptors.

**Mammals** - Native mammals (NO pets or livestock).

**Reptiles, Amphibians & Fish** - Native turtles, salamanders, frogs, snakes, fish, etc.

**Other Wildlife** - May include butterflies, moths, insects, crabs, etc.

**Scenic/Pictorial** - Photos in which natural landmarks, scenery or inanimate objects are prominent; site location required for this category.

**Nature-Based Activities** - People enjoying recreation such as boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, camping (recreational team sports excluded).

**Wild Flora** - Wildflowers, foliage, fruiting bodies, other parts of plants or trees (cultivated flowers, shrubs, etc. are excluded).

Judges will make selections based on quality, composition, content, originality, uniqueness, creativity, and general appeal.

First, second, third and honorable mention photos will be published in the February 2013 issue of *Outdoor Alabama* magazine and at ***outdooralabama.com***. The judges reserve the right to decide whether a category contains work that merits awards.



# Prizes

In addition to having their winning entries printed in Outdoor Alabama magazine and the website, prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each category.

Certificates will be awarded to first, second, third place and honorable mention.

# Submissions

By submitting an entry, photographers grant permission to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to use the photo in any way it deems appropriate. However, the photographer also retains the right to use the photo.

***\*No photos will be returned.***

# Deadline

***Entries must be postmarked by October 31, 2012.***

**Send all entries to:**  
Photo Contest  
Outdoor Alabama  
64 N. Union St., Suite 106  
Montgomery, AL 36130

**For questions call Kim Nix at:**  
1-800-262-3151 or email:  
[kim.nix@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:kim.nix@dcnr.alabama.gov)

To see previous contest winners visit  
**[www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com)**  
and click on the Photo Gallery link.

# Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest Entry Form

Each photographer may submit up to 10 images.  
Fill out contact information on this side and list photographs on the data entry sheet.

Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I understand that the photos I enter in this contest will not be returned and may be used in promotional materials produced by the Ala. Dept. of Conservation or other organization designated by the Department.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer's Signature (Required)

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Date